REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for examination Group II (claims 16, 17, 21, 24, and 25) and "species F" drawn to *N. meningitides* (SEQ ID NO: 20).

Applicants invite Examiner Fox to contact the undersigned by telephone if he feels that a telephone discussion would expedite prosecution or if it would assist his examination of the presently pending claims.

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